

REMARKS

Claims 1-140 were previously pending in the application. Claim 72 has been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-12, 16-17, 22-24, 28-32, 34-36, 41-44, 46-48, 50-51, 54-56, 58-60, 64-68, 70-71, 76-80, 82, 84-88, 91-92, 97, 99-100, 103-104, 106, 109, 111-112, and 115-134 were allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8, 13-15, 18-20, 25-27, 37-40, 49, 52-53, 61-63, 73-75, 83, 89-90, 95-96, 98, 101-102, 107-108, 110, 113-114 and 135-140 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These claims have been amended to correct noted deficiencies. Other than Claim 8, all of the remaining Claims were amended to correct typographical and/or antecedent basis errors. Therefore, these amendments are not narrowing amendments.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-12, 16-17, 22-24, 28-32, 34-36, 41-44, 46-48, 50-51, 54-56, 58-60, 64-68, 70-71, 76-80, 82, 84-88, 91-92, 97, 99-100, 103-104, 106, 109, 111-112, and 115-134 were allowed.

The Examiner states that Claims 8, 13-15, 18-20, 25-27, 37-40, 49, 52-53, 61-63, 73-75, 83, 89-90, 95-96, 98, 101-102, 107-108, 110, 113-114 and 135-140 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C 112. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have amended some of the claims to correct the noted problems. Therefore,

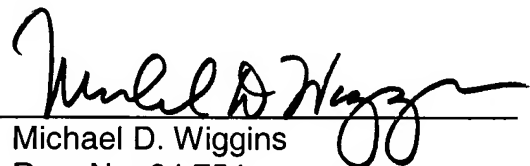
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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